

THE HONORABLE RICARDO S. MARTINEZ

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	No. CR19-261-RSM
)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	ORDER GRANTING UNOPPOSED
v.)	MOTION TO SCHEDULE
)	DEFENDANT'S SENTENCING
AUDREY NOLAND-JAMES,)	HEARING BY VIDEOCONFERENCE
)	
Defendant.)	

THE COURT has considered the unopposed motion of the parties to proceed forward with a sentencing hearing, by videoconference, for March 26, 2021, for the following reasons:

(a) Under General Order 04-20, felony pleas and sentencings may proceed by video or telephone if "the district judge in a particular case finds for specific reasons that the plea or sentencing in that case cannot be further delayed without serious harm to the interests of justice." A sentencing hearing in this case cannot be delayed without serious harm to the interests of justice; and

(b) Ms. Noland-James would like her sentencing hearing held as soon as possible and resolve the case in a timely fashion; and

1 (c) Ms. Noland-James wishes to have her sentencing hearing held as soon
2 as possible in light of anticipated delay associated with the COVID pandemic and a
3 desire to alleviate presumptive backlogged court calendars following the COVID
4 recovery process. Ms. Noland-James believes that the Court may not be as able to
5 accommodate a timely resolution of her case in the future as more cases are delayed;
6 and

7 (d) a videoconference sentencing hearing would avoid further delays in the
8 ultimate sentencing in this case, which would cause “serious harm to the interests of
9 justice.” See General Order No. 04-20 (3/30/20).

10 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that this matter should be set for a sentencing
11 hearing by videoconference on March 26, 2021.

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13 DONE this 19th day of March, 2021.

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15 RICARDO S. MARTINEZ
16 CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT
17 JUDGE
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21 Presented by:

22 /s/ Gregory Geist

23 Assistant Federal Public Defender
24 Attorney for Audrey Noland-James
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